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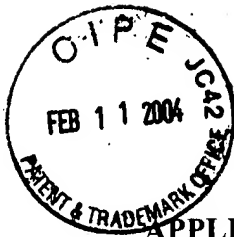
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☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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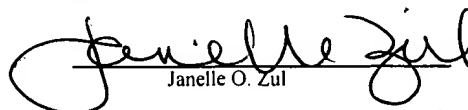
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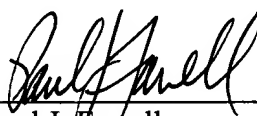
  
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